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REMARKS

Claims 1-73 are all the claims presently pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 17, 20-25, 28-31, 36-41, 43-44 and 55 have been amended to more particularly define the invention. Claims 58-73 have been added to claim additional features of the claimed invention.

It is noted that the claim amendments are made only for more particularly pointing out the invention, and not for distinguishing the invention over the prior art, narrowing the claims or for any statutory requirements of patentability. Further, Applicant specifically states that no amendment to any claim herein should be construed as a disclaimer of any interest in or right to an equivalent of any element or feature of the amended claim.

Applicant notes and greatly appreciates that a personal interview was conducted in this case on July 29, 2003. Applicant is grateful for the opportunity to discuss this case with the Examiner, and appreciates the Examiner's helpful comments made during the personal interview.

Further, Applicant notes that at the interview, the Examiner agreed with Applicant's representative that amending claims 1, 20 and 39 to recite "*for selectively executing at least one of: producing first authoritativeness information about a set of information resources pointed to by links in resources of the input set; and producing second authoritativeness information about a set of information resources having links that point to resources of the input set*", would overcome the cited references. Applicant notes that this Amendment amends claims 1, 20 and 39 in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestion. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that this case is in condition for immediate allowance.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that claims 14, 33 and 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. However, as noted above, claims 1, 20 and 39, from which these claims depend, respectively, have been amended and are in condition for immediate allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are in condition for immediate allowance.

A Supplemental Reissue Declaration will be submitted shortly.

Applicant further notes that the patent will be promptly surrendered by Applicant

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upon an indication from the Examiner that the case would otherwise be in condition for allowance.

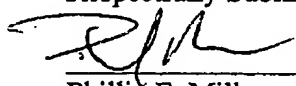
In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1-73, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Assignee's Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

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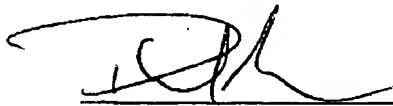
Respectfully Submitted,


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I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment was filed by facsimile with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examiner Charles Rones, Group Art Unit #2175 at fax number (703) 872-9306 this 16th day of April, 2004.


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